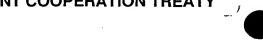
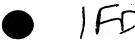
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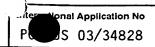
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1. Claims: 1-15

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a tip assembly being attached to a shaft, wherein the tip assembly includes a superelastic wire to bias the tip assembly in a first orientation

2. Claims: 16-43

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a tip assembly being attached to a shaft, wherein the tip assembly includes an adhesive cured in a configuration to bias the tip assembly in a first orientation

3. Claims: 49-57

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a biased tip assembly being attached to a shaft, and means for conducting a fluid

4. Claims: 58-62

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a biased tip assembly being attached to a shaft, wherein the tip assembly includes a plurality of position sensors

5. Claims: 71-73

Electrophysiology catheter comprising a biased tip assembly being attached to a shaft, wherein the tip assembly includes a movable electrode assembly

6. Claims: 74-101

Shaft /electrophysiology catheter comprising a channel formed of a superelastic material and shaped to bias a portion of the catheter in a first orientation

An electrophysiology catheter comprising the features of claim 1 is already known from the prior art, see WO-A-O1 37723. There is thus no special technical feature in the sense of Rule 13.2 PCT to link together the independent claims 1, 16, 49, 58, 71, 74 and 95, so that the requisite unity of invention (Rule 13.1 PCT) is lacking.

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invention, will be the subject of a search.

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